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## *Dedication*



In appreciation and affectionate regard for her untiring efforts and sincere loyalty in behalf of our welfare and happiness, we, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-three, dedicate this issue of the *Talisman* to our senior sponsor, Mrs. M. B. Taylor.

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### SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

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DEBORAH WALSTON







**CLASS COLORS**  
Blue and White

**CLASS MOTTO**  
"The cords of today will ring the bells of tomorrow."

**CLASS FLOWER**  
Gladiolus

## GLADYS COBB

"But words once spoken can never be recalled,"  
Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Pack-O-News 1, 3; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play 4; Bus Driver 3; Class Officer 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Student Counsel 1.



## SHIRLEY ANN COGGINS

"Great is truth. Fire cannot burn it, nor water drown it."  
Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 3, 4; Pack-O-News Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1.

## LOIS WOOTEN

"The mirror of all courtesy."  
Beta Club 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Pack-O-News 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



## Seniors



JOSEPHINE CRAFT

"Love, and a cough, cannot be hid."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pack-O-News 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2.

VERA CRAFT

"She hath a daily beauty in her life."

Beta Club 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Pack-O-News 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1.

RAY CUNNINGHAM

"Let every man be master of his time."

Senior Play 4; Class Officer 3, 4; Basketball 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Sports Club 1, 3.

DARRELL DAIL

"I dare do all that may become a man,  
who dares do more is none."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pack-O-News 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Class Officer 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

MATTIE SPEIGHT DANFORD

"Life has a value only when it has something valuable as its object."

Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Pack-O-News 2, 4; Annual Editor 4; Assembly Program Com. 4; 4-H Club 1; Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

WALTER LEE GAY

"I love thee for a heart that's kind,  
Not for the knowledge in thy mind."

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

ELMER HARRELL

"Lord, I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Class President 1; Pack-O-News 3, 4; Sports Club 1.

DALTON HINSON

"To be rather than to seem."

Glee Club 3, 4; Pack-O-News 4; Senior Play 4; Bus Driver 4; Class Officer 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Club 1.



# Seniors



**ARLENE HOBBS**

"Music is the literature of the heart; it commences where speech ends."

Beta Club 1, 4; Annual Staff 4; Pack-O-News 2, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**HAROLD HOLLOMAN**

"There is history in all mens lives."

Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Sports Club 1; Speech Club 1.

**MELVIN MOORE**

"A good heart is worth gold."

Pack-O-News 3, 4; Class Officer 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**TOMMY NORVILLE**

"Talkers are no good doers."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**JOHNNY PARKER**

"I am not only witty in myself, but the cause of wit in other men."

Glee Club 1, 2; Pack-O-News 2, 4; Bus Driver 4; Class Officer 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**BETSY ROUSE**

"She is a woman, therefore may be woo'd;

She is a woman, therefore may be won."

Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pack-O-News 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Class Officer 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.

**WAYNE SPEIGHT**

"His talk was like a stream which runs with rapid change from rocks to rocks."

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Club 2; 4-H Club.

**EULA TUGWELL**

"Silence is the perfectest herald of joy."

Beta Club 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Cheerleader 4; Pack-O-News 2, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Class Officer 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



# *Class History*

It was the fall of '49, remember, that we first entered high school. Though we were green as the usual freshman, greener than most, we will never forget the thrill of being in high school.

It was a year filled with trials and tribulations and moments so happy, it hurt. Most of our boys clung together for safety against the feminine world, and our girls grouped themselves into gangs and found much to whisper and giggle about, but occasionally one of our boys would break the ranks and be seen in his Sunday best with some sweet young miss, causing the others to stare in awe and admiration. That was when the girls first became aware of the fact that nice clothes and pretty smiles were a big attraction to catch the masculine eye. Yes, that was a momentous year for us.

Our second year in high school was one not to be forgotten. After the first few days of getting settled, we began planning the first of a series of parties. For the first time, the subject of "can we invite someone" was brought up. Not everything was light or as carefree as the year before--we had our serious moments, times that can be thought back on with a tinge of happiness. Many of us changed a lot that year. We grew in dignity and self-confidence. During that year, all of us became more grown-up.

We knew, as Juniors, that more responsibility was facing us than we had ever known before. At the first of the year we decided that we would rather give the seniors a trip to Washington than to have a banquet. So it was that we tried our hand at salesmanship, in order to raise money for the trip. A class always likes to have something symbolize their school and class. That is why class rings are so important, at least we thought so. The selection of the rings was to us the most important thing in high school.

The calender soon showed us that it was time for the class ahead of us to graduate. We disliked seeing our old schoolmates go, but we were happy at the thought that we would fill their places as seniors. We presented the daisy chain to the graduating class during commencement exercises and stood watching them, but really seeing ourselves as it would be a year hence.

At last we stood in the door of the senior home room. Now that the moment had finally come we were a bit uncertain, but there was little time for that after we had plunged into the first few days of school. The year was like a panorama passing before the eyes-----there was Mattie working so hard to get the annual published-----Dalton, as president, presiding over the class, times of happiness, times of disappointments; faces happy, as only youth can be; Juniors and Seniors planning the Junior-Senior Banquet. We are pulling the curtain on our high school years, holding in our hearts bright dreams for the future.

Vera Craft  
Class Historian

# *Last Will and Testament*

We, the Senior Class of 1953 of Walstonburg High School, being in sound mind do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

## General Terms:

To dear old Walstonburg we leave our respect and devotion which will protect her down through the ages.

To the faculty we leave our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts and good will toward us.

To Mrs. Taylor we wish every joy and happiness that could be brought to anyone, for she was our inspiration at the most trying times.

To the Juniors we leave all our remaining money and outstanding debts.

To the Sophomores we leave our love for parties.

To the Freshmen we give with all sincerity our hopes for their success throughout life.

## Personal Will:

I, Josephine Craft, bequeath to Doris Hardison and Josie Baker my flattering smile.

I, Walter Lee Gay, leave to John Gay my love and success in skipping school. That's a nice gift, John. Better use it.

I, Arlene Hobbs, will all my old crushes and flirty ways to Carol Norman.

I, Wayne Speight, give my boisterous laugh to "Bingo" Jenkins with a hope that he will use it daily.

I, Eula Tugwell, leave my quiet and calm manner to Barbara Jean Craft.

I, Darrell Dail, will my "state farmer" position to "Pee Wee" Galloway. Think you can make it, "Pee Wee".

I, Melvin Moore, leave my bright red blush to Donnie Langston. Maybe you can tone it down some, Donnie.

I, Vera Craft, want Mary Ruth Cobb to take my position as the senior with a diamond from a Farmville boy.

I, Mattie Speight Danford, leave to Marilu Burch my position as editor of the annual. That's quite a job Marilu.

I, Johnnie Parker, leave my curly locks and cute remarks to Phillip Bearson.

I, Ray Cunningham, leave my ability to make honor roll once or twice during my senior year to Pat Owens and James Suggs.

I, Betsy Rouse, will to Grace Cox my position as high scorer on the basketball team. Better practice your pet shot, Grace.

I, Tommy Norville, give my love for girls and basketball to James Harrell.

I, Shirley Coggins, bequeath my position as cheerleader to Elizabeth Holloman. Think you can turn a cartwheel, "Lib"?

I, Elmer Harrell, will my winning ways with the girls to Gerald Hinnant.

I, Lois Wooten, leave to Jean Langston my ability to hook a man.

I, Dalton Hinson, give to Robert Cox my leadership ability.

I, Harold Holloman, leave to Edwin Jones my ability to ask questions, especially in bookkeeping.

I, Gladys Cobb, offer to the Senior Class my most humble apology for the poor will I've just written.

Gladys Cob  
Testatrix

## *Superlatives*

**MOST ORIGINAL**  
Betsy Rouse - Ray Cunningham



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Darrell Dail - Shirley Coggins



**BEST DRESSED**  
Melvin Moore - Arlene Hobbs



**FRIENDLIEST**  
Wayne Speight - Josephine Craft



# *Superlatives*

**MOST RESERVED**  
Harold Halloman - Eula Tugwell



**MOST INTELLECTUAL**  
Dalton Hinson - Gladys Cobb



**BEST LOOKING**  
Elmer Harrell - Arlene Hobbs



**BEST ALL-AROUND**  
Ray Cunningham - Mattie Speight Danford

## *Superlatives*



**BEST MANNERED**  
Walter Gay - Lois Wooten



**BEST SPORTS**  
Harold Halloman - Shirley Coggins



**BEST PERSONALITY**  
Johnnie Parker - Vera Craft



**MOST POPULAR**  
Wayne Speight - Gladys Cobb



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Mattie Speight Danford - Elmer Harrell



# Class Prophecy

"The sparks flying up the chimney remind me of a flame of life burning through a certain period, such as our high school days. Could they be? Gee, but its warm in here, the lights are low and I feel - oh - so -o-o sleepy. Now what became of those sparks? It seems as if the flames are beckoning to me, and between the proudly burning logs I see a little door. How charming? I wonder if there is a wonderland beyond or will I find some mirage that, at any slight breath will disappear? Oh-, but I am so warm and -----

Why, gee, how things have changed. I wonder what this huge building is. Let's find out. My, its a streamlined hospital and of course, Shirley, it's you, Shirley Coggins, how nice you look in your pretty white uniform. You say Eula is also here as a laboratory technician. How nice. You two were always such close chums, I know you enjoy working together. With your patience and understanding, I know you both are making good, well I'll see you, I am anxious to see more of this wonderland.

Let's see, there are so many places to go? I wonder who works in his building? That neat little secretary looks just like well, it is, Vera Craft, and what a efficient worker she is and I see she is still flashing her diamond. Vera tells us that Melvin Moore is also working here as an accountant. You two are really putting that hard studying you did in high school on bookkeeping and typing to work. Good luck, to the two most important people on this firm's staff.

Oh, what a cute little shop, it has so many different electrical appliances. There is a radio I would like to have. Let's go in. Well, if it isn't "ole meddlesome" himself, Dalton Hinson. You say you are an electrician now. All I can say is this isn't too much of a shock since you were always experimenting with such as this in our physics class in high school. Where is your old stand by Johnnie Parker now? You two used to be inseparable. He's a mechanic at some large car dealers. Give him a hand! I only hope he knows how to put cars back together again after he tears them up. I wonder if all the trouble Johnny used to have with his school bus mechanic inspired his profession? Oh - well, tell him we asked about him. We will be off now, looking for more adventure.

Let's visit this school. My look - how modernized it is! Who is this coming down the hall? Why, it is none other than Mattie Speight Danford. Why the hurry, Mattie? Oh, you left your grade by themselves. You look just like a perfect elementary teacher, but don't be too hard on your students. And you say Darrell Dail is an ag teacher here. I always knew he would make good, since he loved agriculture in high school so much. I am so glad to hear he has such a high position in the agriculture profession. I guess he is really in the money now.

Oh what a beautiful church! Let's go in. I see Betsy Rouse in that little office. Let's go over. Hi Bet, what's new? So you reached your goal! Director of Religious Education in a nice church. You were just born to have this as your life work, because I remember how wonderful you were in our MYFF back home. Oh, you have an appointment? Don't let us delay you. You say it's with Gladys Cobb. Gee, how I would like to see ole Cobb but we must be leaving. What's she doing now? Secretary in some big office, Huh? Gladys always was handy in the office during our high school days. Tell her I said hello and I hope to see you again.

Where to from here? Say - doesn't something look familiar about that figure walking ahead of us? Those athletic shoulders and that walk. Oh no, look! That hair cut and height could mean only one person. I am going to whistle at him, and if I make a mistake you tell him I was calling someone else. Whew! Why it is none other than Tommy. Hi ya, Tommy! You haven't changed much. What are you doing now? Athletic coach in a large school, you say. Three cheers for you. I always knew you would be found where there were sports. You were really good back in high school. You haven't seen Elmer Harrell at any of your ball games have you? Yes! Oh - so he's an athletic coach too, I'm not much surprised. It only seems natural since you two were the best players in our room on the team, but I know you hate to have to compete with his teams. Gee, times are flying? Maybe we will get to see some of your games. Tell Elmer to not work his boys' too hard.

I am really tired out, so let's go for a ride. How about out to the country? My, what a welcoming looking little house. The little plaque here in front says "Jones". Let's stop and see if they can tell us where we're headed. "Hello," could you tell us - why, my word - if it isn't Lois Wooten, I mean Jones. How's life, Lois, married life, I mean. What an adorable little house you have and you are a perfect house-keeper, I see. Surely, we'd love a coke! We were just visiting that fascinating city up the street and ran into just loads of our ole class. Do you know about any of them? It seems we didn't see Josephine Craft. So she's a telephone operator. I bet she is a good one because she always liked to talk. And you say Walter Lee is a car dealer. Now, I bet he is really making good. Walter Lee sells anybody anything. Remember all those magazines he sold, he was a real salesman.

Well, I know you have some house work to do Lois, so we will be off. I know you and Ralph are really happy. Good-bye and good-luck.

I think Lois said if we would keep straight this road went to--. Hey, wait a minute. See, that fellow on that tractor. All that nicely tended land and those clean farm buildings remind me of Ray. Well I'll be if it isn't, Ray Cunningham. Should your ears burn? I was just a talking about you, saying that I remember how you were always building things in agriculture and how you liked farming. I see you are doing all right for yourself. At least, this is one way to stay healthy and make an honest living. Are those pretty cows over there yours? No? So they are Wayne Speight's. You mean he's livestock farming? Good for Wayne and I know Margaret is really a great help to him. Say, Ray, do you know what Harold Holloman's doing now? He's running a big grocery store in town, you say. I bet he is really making good since he was always working at the store back home during his spare time? A toast of good luck to Harold.

Me, what am I doing, well, I am teaching English and I have a few music pupils. Yes, I couldn't resist keeping up my music. Remember how I use to play that one "ole" march for chapel? Well, I know you have work to do Ray, and we have a long journey ahead of us. So long----

My, look it was wonderful seeing all my classmates again. I am so glad they are all progressing so well in their chosen professions. Gee, I must have caught some hay-fever walking around on the farm back there, I feel just like I have to sneeze, atchoooooo.

What? Why, no wonder I am sneezing. The logs have burned down and left only their bright embers. I guess I must have slipped away to an enchanting wonderland and with the good fairy as my guide, Bright embers!

I am sure each one is a symbol of my classmates' lives and mine is there with them. They are all burning brightly to prove that there still remains life and usefulness."

# *Juniors*



President, Robert Cox; Secretary, Grace Cox; Treasurer, Philip Beaman; Reporters, Marily Burch and Gerald Hinnant.

JOSIE BAKER  
PHILIP BEAMAN  
MARILU BURCH



MARY RUTH COBB  
GRACE COX  
ROBERT COX



## *Juniors*

BARBARA J. CRAFT  
WILLIAM GALLOWAY  
JAMES HARRELL

GERALD HINNANT  
DORIS HARDISON  
ELIZABETH HOLLOMAN

JAMES SUGGS  
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JIMMY WOOTEN  
HORACE LEE GAY

## *Snapshots*



# Freshmen

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CARL GAY



MALCOLM GAY  
HORTENSE GAY  
JIMMIE HARDISON  
BETTY J. HARDISON



# Freshmen



JUANITA HARRELL  
GENE HEATH  
ANN HARDISON  
CARSON JONES



SYBLE JONES  
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EVELYN NORVILLE

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BETTY LOU ROGERS  
CHARLES SHIRLEY  
NELLIE TYSON



DORIS TUGWELL  
ANN WALSTON  
BETTY WALSTON



## *Eighth Grade*



## *Seventh Grade*





## Sixth Grade



## Fifth Grade



## *Fourth Grade*



## *Third Grade*



## *Second Grade*



## *First Grade*



## *Athletics*



## *Cheerleaders*



Chief, Miriam Windham, Shirley Coggins, Josephine Craft, Eula Tugwell,



*Helay Rouse  
Forward*



*Doris Dixon  
Guard*



*Ann Handison  
Guard*



*Ann Waleston  
Forward*



*Jannita Harnell  
Forward*



*Co-Captain  
Mattie Danford  
Guard*



*Co-Captain  
Gladys Cobb  
Forward*



*Betty R. Craft  
Forward*



*Hortense Gay  
Forward*



*Arlene Hobbs  
Guard*



*Betty L. Rogers  
Guard*



*Grace Cox  
Forward*



*Tommy Norville  
Center*



*Buzzy Walston  
Guard*



*Melvin Norville  
Guard*



*James Harrell  
Guard*



*Ed Jones  
Center*

*Co. Captains*

*Donnie  
Langston  
Forward*



*Ray Cunningham  
Forward*



*Gene Neath  
Guard*



*Charles Shirley  
Forward*

*Not shown  
Joe E. Brown  
Coach*



*Elmer Harrell  
Forward*



*King and Queen*



*Queen Arlene*

*King Elmer*

## *Bus Drivers*



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## *Assembly Program Committee*



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### MUSIC CLUB OFFICERS

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